

Preliminary Amendment

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

**Please delete the first full paragraph on page 25 and replace it with the following new paragraph:**

|        FIGs. 5a and 5b ~~are is~~-a map views schematically illustrating a route searched by an embodiment of the present invention and a comparative embodiment thereof.

**Please delete the second full paragraph on page 25 and replace it with the following new paragraph:**

|        FIGs. 6a and 6b ~~are is~~-a map views schematically illustrating another route searched by an embodiment of the present invention and a comparative embodiment thereof.

**Please delete the fourth full paragraph on page 25 and replace it with the following new paragraph:**

|        FIGs. 8a and 8b ~~are is~~-a conceptual views illustrating a principle of a cost calculation in a variant of the embodiment of the preset invention.